IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3-19, and 21-28 as marked up in the following listing of claims, which will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving a configuration for a user interface of an application;

determining a set of <u>configuration</u> parameters corresponding to the configuration; and

dynamically generating user interface display code at run time, the user interface display code based upon the set of configuration parameters.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

transmitting the user interface display code to a client digital processing system in response to a request to access the application.

3.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the configuration for the user interface is determined by selecting one or more objects and positioning each <u>of the one or more</u> object<u>s selected</u> in a desired location of a free-form grid layout.

4.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the request is communicated through the Internet and the user interface display code is ~~hyper-text~~<u>hypertext</u> markup language <u>(HTML)</u> code.

5.   (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~3, wherein the one or more objects are selected using a user input device and ~~each selected object~~each of the one or more objects selected is positioned by dragging the object to a desired location of the free-form grid layout.

6.   (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~5, further comprising: ~~wherein positioning an object in a desired location of a free-form grid layout includes~~ indicating a desired size for ~~the~~each of the one or more objects selected.

7.   (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~6, wherein indicating a desired size for each of the one or more objects selected includes selecting a perimeter of the object at a first location on the free-form grid layout and dragging the perimeter to a second location on the free-form grid layout.

8.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the ~~hyper text markup language~~HTML code is dynamically generated based upon the set of configuration parameters and based upon an origin of the request.

9.   (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~1~~3, wherein the free-form grid layout comprises a plurality of grid cells and the set of configuration parameters includes information indicating ~~the~~a position of each of the one or more objects in reference to one or more of the plurality of grid cells.

10.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the set of <u>configuration</u>

parameters includes a grid coordinate specifying one of the plurality of grid cells, a column

span specifying a first dimension, and a row span specifying a second dimension for each of

the one or more objects.

11.   (Currently amended) A system comprising:

        ~~a server digital processing system having~~ a storage <u>device to store</u> ~~, the storage~~

~~containing~~ a set of configuration parameters corresponding to a configuration of a user

interface of an application; <u>and</u>

        ~~one or more client digital processing systems coupled to the server digital processing~~

~~system capable of requesting access to the application such that the request causes the server~~

~~digital processing system~~<u>a processor coupled to the storage device</u> to dynamically generate

user interface display code at run time<u> in response to a request from a client device to access</u>

<u>the application</u>, the user interface display code based upon the set of configuration

parameters.

12.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the client ~~digital processing~~

~~system~~<u>device</u> is coupled to the ~~server digital processing system~~<u>processor</u> through the Internet

and the user interface display code is ~~hyper text~~<u>hypertext</u> markup language<u> (HTML)</u> code.

13.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the configuration is

determined by selecting one or more objects and positioning each ~~of the one or more~~ objects

~~selected~~ in a desired location of a free-form grid layout.

14.   (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~11~~ 13, wherein positioning ~~an~~ each of the

one or more objects ~~selected~~ in ~~a~~ the desired location of ~~a~~ the free-form grid layout includes

indicating a desired size for ~~the~~ each of the one or more objects ~~selected~~.

15.   (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~11~~ 14, wherein indicating ~~a~~ the desired

size for ~~the~~ each of the one or more objects ~~selected~~ includes selecting a perimeter of the

object at a first location on the free-form grid layout and dragging the perimeter to a second

location on the free-form grid layout.

16.   (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~14~~ 12, wherein the ~~hyper-text markup~~

~~language~~ HTML code is dynamically generated based upon the set of configuration

parameters and based upon an origin of ~~the~~ a request to access the application.

17.   (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~11~~ 13, wherein the free-form grid layout

comprises a plurality of grid cells and the set of configuration parameters includes

information indicating ~~the~~ a position of each ~~of the one or more~~ objects ~~selected~~ in reference

to one or more of the plurality of grid cells.

18.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 17 wherein the set of <u>configuration</u>

parameters includes a grid coordinate specifying one of the plurality of grid cells, a column

span specifying a first dimension, and a row span specifying a second dimension for each of

the one or more objects.

19.   (Currently amended) A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which

when executed by a processing system, cause the processing system to perform a method

comprising:

        accessing a generic layout file for a user interface of an application, the generic layout

file having a free-form grid layout and a set of objects;

        creating a configuration for a user interface of an application;

        determining a set of <u>configuration</u> parameters corresponding to the configuration; and

        dynamically generating user interface display code at run time, the user interface

display code based upon the set of configuration parameters.

20.   (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 19 further comprising:

        transmitting the user interface display code to a client digital processing system in

response to a request to access the application.

21.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the

configuration for the user interface is determined by selecting one or more objects and

positioning each <u>of the one or more</u> object<u>s selected</u> in a desired location of a free-form grid

layout.

22.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 20<u>,</u> wherein the request

is communicated through the Internet and the user interface display code is ~~hyper~~

~~text~~<u>hypertext</u> markup language <u>(HTML)</u> code.

23.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~19~~<u>21,</u> wherein the one

or more objects are selected using a user input device and each ~~selected~~ <u>of the one or more</u>

object<u>s selected</u> is positioned by dragging the object to a desired location of the free-form

grid layout.

24.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~19~~<u>23, wherein the</u>

<u>method further comprises</u> ~~wherein positioning an object in a desired location of a free-form~~

~~grid layout includes~~ indicating a desired size for ~~the~~ <u>each of the one or more</u> object<u>s selected</u>.

25.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~19~~<u>24, wherein</u>

indicating a desired size for ~~the~~<u>each of the one or more</u> object<u>s selected</u> includes selecting a

perimeter of the object at a first location on the free-form grid layout and dragging the

perimeter to a second location on the free-form grid layout.

26.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the ~~hyper text markup language~~HTML code is dynamically generated based upon the set of configuration parameters and based upon an origin of the request.

27.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~19~~21, wherein the free-form grid layout comprises a plurality of grid cells and the set of <u>configuration</u> parameters includes information indicating ~~the~~a position of each <u>of the one or more</u> object<u>s</u> in reference to one or more of the plurality of grid cells.

28.   (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the set of <u>configuration</u> parameters includes a grid coordinate specifying one of the plurality of grid cells, a column span specifying a first dimension, and a row span specifying a second dimension for each of the one or more objects.